

United States they can count for the census purpose. There is a lot of political power, most of that is on the left, and there is a lot of business power, most of that is on the right.

We have this, it's an unusual, odd and some would say an unholy alliance. I think of it as a set of barbells where you have the weight on the right of the business interests, where you have the weight on the left is the political power, and the barbell in the middle, that handle that you pick it up with, the bar, that's the middle class. The middle class is being squeezed ever more narrow because of the overload on the upside and the overload on the downside our economy.

We got to this point last year, and we did all we could do. But the American people became cynical because they weren't seeing legislation get to the President's desk that fixed the problem. Now we are faced again this year with trying to arrive at a consensus, trying to arrive at something that preserves the rule of law, does not provide amnesty, satisfies the interests on both ends of that barbell that I described, and doing it quickly. Because once we get past the summer, once we get past the August break, we are into the fast slide into the next Presidential race, as well as the elections here and a third of the Senate.

But the Presidential race, if it's done and if it's done right, we will take this issue up in Congress, and if we don't solve it first, it will become the issue du jour of the Presidential debates. And I am looking forward to a Presidential candidate that will step forward with clarity on this issue and start that inertia towards the White House. That is the one thing that can solve this issue. That is my best hope.

Mr. GINGREY. The point the gentleman from Iowa is making is that we have really tried hard in this body to address this problem. We on this side of the aisle, when we were in control and had the majority in the 109th, felt very strongly that first and foremost to solve the problem and ultimately decide what to do with the 20 million that are estimated to be here illegally, is to stop the hemorrhaging. As a physician member, I use that expression a lot, having been a surgeon in my previous life, OB/GYN physician, but you have to stop the bleeding. If you sit there and let the patient continue to bleed, and that is analogous to the porous borders, the 3 or 4 million that continue to come in every year, in addition to the 2 million that the gentleman from California was talking about earlier, then the patient is going to die. That patient, as the lifeblood seeps out of us, is the United States of America.

So it is so important to do the things that we have done, tried to do in regard to Mr. SENSENBRENNER's legislation. He was a champion in regard to the REAL ID Act. Basically the REAL ID Act was just in response to the request of the survivors of the 9/11 victims. As they

testified before the 9/11 Commission and made those recommendations, 41 or so specific recommendations, one of the most important ones was to say you have got States that issue driver's licenses without requiring any proof of legal residency. The 9/11 hijackers, 19 of them I think, had something like 53, a total in the aggregate of 53 legal issued driver's licenses from some 10 or 12 States.

So basically what we said is, look, we can't tell you, we the Federal Government can't tell the States how to run their motor vehicle department and how they issue driver's licenses and to whom and how long and how much you pay for driver's licenses, what age you have to be, whether you have to take driver's ed or not. That is a State prerogative, certainly. But if they do not have proof of legal residence, not citizenship, because a permanent legal resident certainly can be granted a driver's license, then they can't use that license from that State for Federal purposes, like getting on an airplane and blowing it to smithereens or using it as a guided missile.

I see Mr. Speaker is tapping me down. I didn't realize, I was having so much fun with my colleague from California, the chairman of the Immigration Reform Caucus, that all of a sudden our time has expired.

I appreciate his patience and indulgence. I continue to promote the Nuclear Family Protection Act. Let's all get behind it and thank you.

Mr. BILBRAY. Mr. Speaker, I appreciate our hour. I hope the people in Colorado enjoyed prime time back there.

RECESS

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Pursuant to clause 12(a) of rule I, the Chair declares the House in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

Accordingly (at 10 o'clock and 45 minutes p.m.), the House stood in recess subject to the call of the Chair.

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AFTER RECESS

The recess having expired, the House was called to order by the Speaker pro tempore (Mr. WELCH of Vermont) at 1 o'clock and 3 minutes a.m.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1433, DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA HOUSE VOTING RIGHTS ACT OF 2007

Mr. CARDOZA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-63) on the resolution (H. Res. 260) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1433) to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes,

which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

REPORT ON RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR CONSIDERATION OF H.R. 1591, U.S. TROOP READINESS, VETERANS' HEALTH, AND IRAQ ACCOUNTABILITY ACT, 2007

Mr. CARDOZA, from the Committee on Rules, submitted a privileged report (Rept. No. 110-64) on the resolution (H. Res. 261) providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes, which was referred to the House Calendar and ordered to be printed.

LEAVE OF ABSENCE

By unanimous consent, leave of absence was granted to:

Ms. EDDIE BERNICE JOHNSON (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for today on account of medical reasons.

Mr. KUCINICH (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for March 19 and 20.

Mr. MITCHELL (at the request of Mr. HOYER) for March 19.

Mr. DEAL of Georgia (at the request of Mr. BOEHNER) for today after 1:30 p.m. on account of attending a memorial service.

SPECIAL ORDERS GRANTED

By unanimous consent, permission to address the House, following the legislative program and any special orders heretofore entered, was granted to:

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. PALLONE) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. LARSEN of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DICKS, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. INSLEE, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. McDERMOTT, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. SMITH of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. PALLONE, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. WOOLSEY, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DEFazio, for 5 minutes, today.

Mrs. MCCARTHY of New York, for 5 minutes, today.

Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, for 5 minutes, today.

(The following Members (at the request of Mr. JONES of North Carolina) to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material:)

Mr. JONES of North Carolina, for 5 minutes, March 26, 27, and 28.

Mrs. BLACKBURN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. DUNCAN, for 5 minutes, today.

Mr. HASTINGS of Washington, for 5 minutes, today.

ADJOURNMENT

Mr. CARDOZA. Mr. Speaker, I move that the House do now adjourn.

The motion was agreed to; accordingly (at 1 o'clock and 5 minutes a.m.), the House adjourned until today, Thursday, March 22, 2007, at 10 a.m.

EXECUTIVE COMMUNICATIONS, ETC.

Under clause 8 of rule XII, executive communications were taken from the Speaker's table and referred as follows:

911. A letter from the Secretary of the Army, Department of Defense, transmitting notification that the Warfighter Information Network-Tactical (WIN-T) Program exceeds the Nunn-McCurdy Program APUC and PAUC thresholds, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 2433(e)(1); to the Committee on Armed Services.

912. A letter from the Deputy Secretary, Department of Defense, transmitting the Annual Report of the Reserve Forces Policy Board for Fiscal Year 2006, pursuant to 10 U.S.C. 113 (c)(2); to the Committee on Armed Services.

913. A letter from the Principal Deputy Under Secretary for Personnel and Readiness, Department of Defense, transmitting authorization of Captain Thomas J. Eccles to wear the insignia of the grade of rear admiral (lower half) in accordance with title 10, United States Code, section 777; to the Committee on Armed Services.

914. A letter from the U.S. Global AIDS Coordinator, Department of State, transmitting a report on the President's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief: Annual Report on the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis, and Malaria, as requested in Pub. L. 108-25; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

915. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report entitled "Country Reports on Human Rights Practices for 2006," pursuant to 22 U.S.C. 2304(b) Public Law 87-195, section 502B(b); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

916. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting the Department's report on "Overseas Surplus Property," pursuant to Public Law 105-277, section 2215; to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

917. A letter from the Assistant Secretary for Legislative Affairs, Department of State, transmitting a copy of Presidential Determination No. 2007-14, Relating to the Largest Exporting and Importing Countries of Certain Precursor Chemicals under Section 490(b)(1)(A); to the Committee on Foreign Affairs.

918. A letter from the Acting Executive Secretary, U.S. Agency for International Development, transmitting a report pursuant to the Federal Vacancies Reform Act of 1998; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

919. A letter from the Secretary, Department of Transportation, transmitting the Department's five-year National Intelligent Transportation Systems (ITS) Program Plan, pursuant to Public Law 109-59, section 5301; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

920. A letter from the Board of Trustees, National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust, transmitting the National Railroad Retirement Investment Trust's annual management report covering FY 2006, pursuant to 45 U.S.C. 231n Public Law 107-90, section 105; to the Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure.

REPORTS OF COMMITTEES ON PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XIII, reports of committees were delivered to the Clerk

for printing and reference to the proper calendar, as follows:

Mr. DINGELL: Committee on Energy and Commerce. H.R. 545. A bill to amend the Omnibus Crime Control and Safe Streets Act of 1968 to clarify that territories and Indian tribes are eligible to receive grants for confronting the use of methamphetamine, with an amendment (Rept. 110-35 Pt. 2). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. WAXMAN: Committee on Oversight and Government Reform. Supplemental report on H.R. 1433. A bill to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-52 Pt. 3). Ordered to be printed.

Mr. OBERSTAR: Committee on Transportation and Infrastructure. H.R. 1195. A bill to amend the Safe, Accountable, Flexible, Efficient Transportation Equity Act: A Legacy for Users to make technical corrections, and for other purposes; with an amendment (Rept. 110-62). Referred to the Committee of the Whole House on the State of the Union.

Mr. ARCURI: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 260. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1433) to provide for the treatment of the District of Columbia as a Congressional district for purposes of representation in the House of Representatives, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-63). Referred to the House Calendar.

Ms. SLAUGHTER: Committee on Rules. House Resolution 261. Resolution providing for consideration of the bill (H.R. 1591) making emergency supplemental appropriations for the fiscal year ending September 30, 2007, and for other purposes (Rept. 110-64). Referred to the House Calendar.

PUBLIC BILLS AND RESOLUTIONS

Under clause 2 of rule XII, public bills and resolutions were introduced and severally referred, as follows:

By Mr. KELLER (for himself and Mr. FORBES):

H.R. 1615. A bill to amend title 18, United States Code, to provide penalties for aiming laser pointers at airplanes, and for other purposes; to the Committee on the Judiciary.

By Mr. McGOVERN (for himself, Mrs. EMERSON, Ms. KAPTUR, Ms. MCCOLLUM of Minnesota, Mr. SNYDER, Mr. McCOTTER, Mr. BOUSTANY, Mrs. TAUSCHER, Mr. MOORE of Kansas, Mr. HINCHAY, Mr. BISHOP of Georgia, Mr. HASTINGS of Florida, Mr. SCHIFF, Mrs. CHRISTENSEN, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Ms. MATSUI, Mr. McDERMOTT, Mr. RUSH, Mr. HOLT, Mr. MORAN of Kansas, Mr. SKELTON, Mr. GRIJALVA, Ms. NORTON, Ms. LEE, Mr. PAYNE, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. OBERSTAR, Ms. HERSETH, Mr. LAHOOD, Ms. MOORE of Wisconsin, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. WALSH of New York, Mr. KIND, Mr. STARK, Ms. WATSON, Mr. McNULTY, Mrs. NAPOLITANO, Mr. McHUGH, Mr. CROWLEY, Mr. BOUCHER, Ms. WOOLSEY, Mr. GEORGE MILLER of California, Mr. POMEROY, Ms. DELAULO, Mr. ENGLISH of Pennsylvania, Mr. LANTOS, Ms. CARSON, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. SHIMKUS, Mr. LEWIS of Georgia, Ms. CORRINE BROWN of Florida, Mr. KILDEE, Mrs. BOYDA of Kansas, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. WEXLER, Mr. COHEN, Mr. SERRANO, Mr. BUTTERFIELD, Mr. COURTNEY, Mr. DELAHUNT, Mr. FARR, Mr. PALLONE, Ms. SCHAKOWSKY, Mr. HARE, Mrs. MALONEY of New York, Mr. MEEKS of New York, Mr. WELCH

of Vermont, Mrs. CAPPS, Mr. OLVER, Ms. SOLIS, Mr. CUMMINGS, and Ms. BALDWIN):

H.R. 1616. A bill to amend the Farm Security and Rural Investment Act of 2002 to reauthorize the McGovern-Dole International Food for Education and Child Nutrition Program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Agriculture, and in addition to the Committee on Foreign Affairs, for a period to be subsequently determined by the Speaker, in each case for consideration of such provisions as fall within the jurisdiction of the committee concerned.

By Mr. CARNAHAN:

H.R. 1617. A bill to designate the facility of the United States Postal Service located at 561 Kingsland Avenue in University City, Missouri, as the "Harriett F. Woods Post Office Building"; to the Committee on Oversight and Government Reform.

By Mr. CAMP of Michigan:

H.R. 1618. A bill to amend the Internal Revenue Code of 1986 to provide a credit for the purchase of plug-in hybrid vehicles; to the Committee on Ways and Means.

By Mr. CONYERS (for himself, Mr. KILDEE, Mr. ROGERS of Michigan, Ms. KILPATRICK, Mr. McCOTTER, and Mr. DINGELL):

H.R. 1619. A bill to require the Secretary of the Treasury to mint coins in commemoration of the Model T Ford Automobile and the 100th anniversary of the Highland Park Plant, Michigan, the birthplace of the assembly line, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Financial Services.

By Mrs. CUBIN (for herself, Mr. UDALL of Colorado, Mr. REHBERG, Mr. BISHOP of Utah, Mr. HERGER, Mr. CALVERT, Mrs. MUSGRAVE, Mr. CANNON, Mr. HELLER, Mr. SIMPSON, Mrs. McMORRIS RODGERS, and Mr. RENZI):

H.R. 1620. A bill to provide permanent funding for the payment in lieu of taxes program, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Natural Resources.

By Mr. DAVIS of Illinois (for himself and Mr. SHIMKUS):

H.R. 1621. A bill to amend title XIX of the Social Security Act to provide individuals with disabilities and older Americans with equal access to community-based attendant services and supports, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Energy and Commerce.

By Mr. TOM DAVIS of Virginia (for himself, Mr. MORAN of Virginia, Mr. GOODLATTE, Mr. BOUCHER, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. GOODE, and Mr. WOLF):

H.R. 1622. A bill to provide a waiver from sanctions under the Elementary and Secondary Education Act of 1965 for certain States, local educational agencies, and schools; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. HINOJOSA (for himself, Mrs. DAVIS of California, Mr. EMANUEL, Mr. EDWARDS, Ms. BERKLEY, Mr. CLEAVER, Mr. BERMAN, Mr. HONDA, Mr. ETHERIDGE, Mr. RUSH, Ms. JACKSON-LEE of Texas, Mr. GUTIERREZ, Mr. ABERCROMBIE, Mr. FILNER, Mr. TOWNS, Mr. SALAZAR, Ms. HIRONO, Mr. CONYERS, Mr. RANGEL, Mr. GENE GREEN of Texas, Ms. NORTON, Mr. JEFFERSON, Mr. RODRIGUEZ, Mr. FATTAH, Mr. JOHNSON of Georgia, and Mr. NEAL of Massachusetts):

H.R. 1623. A bill to improve graduation rates by authorizing the Secretary of Education to make grants to improve adolescent literacy, and for other purposes; to the Committee on Education and Labor.

By Mr. KENNEDY (for himself, Mr. McNULTY, Mr. GRIJALVA, Mr. BOREN, and Ms. SCHAKOWSKY):